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Vassar College students celebrate the Daisy Chain tradition in 1905. Vassar is located in Poughkeepsie, NY, site of the Fall 2002 joint MARAC/NEA meeting.

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From the Chair

I would like to congratulate the Spring 2002 Program Committee, co-chaired by Danna Bell-Russel and Susan McElrath, and the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by Margaret Burri and Mary Mannix, for their contributions to the outstanding meeting held in Towson in April. I am continually amazed and delighted by the commitment and diligence exhibited by all the committee members who help produce such lively and instructive meetings.

This leads me to a subject of some consequence. For some time, the Steering Committee has engaged in recurring debates about the merits of holding two conference meetings a year. While these discussions have been instructive, and sometimes entertaining, no clear resolution of the matter has emerged. Some data from the recent membership survey (see *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*, volume 31, no. 2, Spring 2002) seems to indicate a preference for holding only one meeting a year. However, such a change requires an amendment to the MARAC Constitution. At the Towson meeting, and in accordance with the procedures delineated in the Constitution, an enterprising group of 27 MARAC members signed and presented the following petition to the Secretary:

We, the undersigned, request that the Steering Committee place before the membership the following proposal to amend the MARAC Constitution, Article 6, to provide that the Conference may hold up to 2 meetings a year.

Currently the Constitution reads: "Article 6: The Conference shall hold two (2) meetings a year for the purpose of providing a program of interest to members and to transact business. Special meetings for any purpose may be called by the Steering Committee or at the written request of one-fourth (1/4) of the members of the Conference."

Recommended change: "Article 6: The Conference may hold *up to* two (2) meetings a year for the purpose of providing a program of interest to members and to transact business." (Italics inserted. Second sentence remains the same).

The process is now in motion. According to Article 8 of the MARAC Constitution, amendments "shall be proposed by twenty-five (25) members in writing to the Secretary. Proposed amendments shall be mailed to the membership at least thirty (30) days before a business meeting in order to be discussed at the Business Meeting. After being discussed at the Business Meeting, a proposed amendment shall be voted on by mail ballot of the full membership. The ballot shall be mailed no more than fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of the Business Meeting. . . A majority of the votes cast shall be binding." According to the schedule, a mailing will be sent to the membership (probably included with the annual dues notice later this summer), and the issue will be discussed at the Fall Business Meeting in Poughkeepsie. After the meeting, a ballot will be mailed out and members asked to vote.

There are good arguments, both pro and con, for holding either one or two meetings a year, and I hope the next issue of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* will feature a dialog which will allow members to be better informed on the issue before the discussion at the Business Meeting. Since the proposed amendment has the potential to seriously change the way MARAC conducts its business, it is important that the entire membership let its voice be heard. I should emphasize that this is not a quick process. No matter what the outcome, MARAC will have two meetings through at least 2004 due to current contract commitments.

I am interested in hearing what members think about this and other issues, and how we can better conduct our business. Please feel free to email or telephone me if you have any comments or questions.

Jeff Flannery

Steering Committee Summary — Spring 2002

April 17, 2002, Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, MD

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm. The minutes for the Winter 2002 meeting were approved.

CHAIR

The new Secretary, Treasurer, and Caucus Representatives were introduced. Outgoing officers and Caucus Representatives were thanked for their years of service. The Ad-Hoc Committee on Administrative Services Report was discussed. Costs involved in the contract were evaluated. It was decided that member services need to be improved, and that the Ad-Hoc Committee should create a back-up plan if contract services can no longer be afforded.

The Guiliani testimony on April 5 was reported (see *Mid-Atlantic Archivist* vol. 31, no. 2, Spring 2002). A letter protesting the elimination of the New York State Office of Cultural Education was discussed. There was a report on a meeting on February 20 with University of Maryland CIS Alumni to discuss a Continuing Education opportunity.

VICE CHAIR AND MEETINGS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (MCC)

The program for the Spring 2002 meeting (Towson, MD) was put together by Danna Bell-Russel, Susan McElrath and their committee. The Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by Mary Mannix and Margaret Burri, outdid themselves. Mary Rephlo and Tom Connors, leading the efforts of the Education Committee, once again provided great workshops.

The joint MARAC/NEA meeting in Fall 2002 (Poughkeepsie, NY, October 23–26) Program Co-Chairs are Alison Oswald (MARAC) and Barbara Austen (NEA), and Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer and Brian Keough are Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chairs. There will be 16 sessions focusing on topics such as creating an archives web page, manuscripts in public libraries, and security in archival institutions. Edward Tenner will be the luncheon speaker. The budget was presented and approved.

Through the persistent efforts of Ben Primer and much intervention by Karl Niederer, MARAC has a hotel contact for the Spring 2003 meeting (Trenton, NJ, April 24–26). We will be meeting at the new Lafayette Yard Marriott Conference Hotel. Ben and Karl have agreed to be Local Arrangements Co-Chairs, and Gary Saretzky and Alex Magoun will be the Program Committee Co-Chairs.

For the Fall 2003 meeting (Gettysburg, PA, October 29–November 1), Christine Amadure and Pamela Whitenack will serve as Local Arrangements Co-Chairs and Jim Gerencser and Karen Drickamer will be the Program Co-Chairs.

We are still looking at Silver Spring, MD as a site for the Spring 2004 meeting. Danna Bell-Russel has been working on securing a hotel in the area.

Debbie Rougeux, Co-Chair for the Local Arrangements Committee for the Fall 2004 meeting (Pittsburgh, PA) has started looking at hotels. Valerie Metzler has agreed to be Program Committee Co-Chair along with Jackie Esposito.

The exhibitors/vendors coordinating task has not been a smooth transition from conference to conference. Fortunately, Mary Mannix has agreed to take the lead and work with the vendors and exhibitors for the next two years.

Rebecca Johnson Melvin has been setting up procedures and guidelines for getting the conference program printed. She will work as Program Editor through the Poughkeepsie meeting and be "on-call" for Trenton. Charles Greifenstein has been approached to potentially be the next editor.

There was extended discussion on the manner in which the proposal to limit conferences to one per year should be presented. A constitutional change would have to be brought forward from the membership in the form of a proposal submitted to the Steering Committee by at least 25 active members. Lisa Mangiafico and John LeGloahec have agreed to discuss this at the caucus meetings.

TREASURER

Second Quarter income came from membership dues, bank interest, mailing list purchase, contributions to the Education Fund, and Spring 2002 registration fees. Expenses included K&A management fees, Spring 2002 postage and program expenses, NCCPH annual dues, DC franchise tax and payment of sales tax collected to VA, tax accountant fees, Steering Committee reimbursements, cost of internet domain, stipend to MARAC Archives, and the MARAC MAI scholarship. There was a deduction from Education Fund contributions for the hiring of Jerry Cannizzaro ($150) after the contract was signed.

The latest figures for the Spring 2002 meeting were presented. The budget for the Fall 2002 meeting in

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Poughkeepsie was presented. The Finance Committee will send its recommendation to the Steering Committee, who will vote on the budget.

The check/database set-up at K&A is working fairly well. Weekly packets and registration statistics have arrived smoothly during the past four weeks.

Becky Collier thanked the members of the Finance Committee and the Steering Committee for their faithful service to MARAC during her three terms as MARAC Treasurer. John LeGloahec was welcomed as the new incoming Treasurer.

ADMINISTRATOR

Current membership is 914 Regular Members and 85 Student/Retired Members. State Caucus memberships are as follows: DC-186; DE-30; MD-146; NJ-123; NY-238; PA-201; VA-139; WV-13. Please note that some members belong to more than one caucus, so total membership numbers will not match up with state caucus numbers.

ARCHIVIST

The MARAC Archives site was honored by a February visit by the current MARAC Chair, Jeff Flannery. The Archivist has been working in a support capacity for the folks organizing the upcoming meeting in Poughkeepsie. Some reminder that Fall 2002 is the 30th anniversary of MARAC (a button or stickers, or some information in the registration packets) will be prepared.

COMMITTEES

Ad-Hoc Development

The proposed by-laws change vote scheduled for the Business Meeting was discussed. Tom Connors announced that he would relinquish his role as Chair of this committee.

Education Committee

With Tom Connors serving as lead, the Education Committee developed a winning schedule of three full-day workshops for the Towson meeting.

A system for verification of workshop participation was discussed, and an e-mail confirmation notice proposed.

Teresa Mora is taking the lead working with the NEA Education Committee to plan workshops for the Fall 2002 meeting in Poughkeepsie. Tentatively, four workshops are planned: 1) "Arrangement and Description" by Bruce Stark, 2) "Disaster Planning" by Beth Patkus, 3) "Development" by Julie Bressor, and 4) "Grants" by Dan Stokes from NHPRC. MARAC will be responsible for coordinating the first 3 of these workshops.

Bob Sink has agreed to take the lead on development of the workshops for the Trenton meeting in Spring 2003.

The Committee selected the following persons for MARAC scholarships: For the Leonard Rapport Modern Archives Institute Scholarship, June 2002: Leslie Hunt, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; For meeting scholarships to attend the Towson meeting in Spring 2002: Jennifer Evans, NEH-funded project archivist at University of Maryland, and Katy Rawdon-Faucett, archivist at The Barnes Foundation; For a workshop scholarship at the Spring 2002 meeting in Towson: Nancy Derevjanik, grant-funded project archivist at Johns Hopkins University. All four of the recipients expressed gratitude to MARAC for the support.

Membership Development

Thirteen new members joined in March.

Brochure supplies have dwindled, and with a new URL for the MARAC web site, and a new address for the administrators, there will be a reprint of the brochures in the next month or two.

The Membership Committee would like to pursue having another short survey in the dues renewal notice. The Steering Committee suggested we go for real demographic information. The Committee will discuss a variety of questions at their meeting in Towson. Jim Stimpert, who worked on last year's survey, has offered his services again this year.

Finding Aids

On March 18, 2002, the Finding Aids Award Committee met at Rutgers University Library to determine the 2001 award winners. Twenty-one submissions were received, and the candidates were divided into two categories: finding aids for a single collection and finding aids for multiple collections. The winners are:

Single Collection Guide: First Place: William Stingone, "Guide to the Carnegie Corporation of New York Records," Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University; Second Place: Brett M. Reigh and Patrick Henry Shea, "Guide to the Coxe Family Mining Papers," The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Third Place: Kristine Marconi McGee, "Guide to the Franklin Book Programs Archives," Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Seely Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University.

Multiple Collection Guide: First Place: Karen Huffman, "Guide to the Washingtonian's Oral History Research Center's Collection," Washington, D.C. Community Archives, D.C. Public Library;

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Treasurer's Report, Fiscal Year 2002

January 1, 2002–March 31, 2002

Category	Budget	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Total	% of Budget	2001 Actual
REVENUE AND SUPPORT								
Membership Dues	$37,000.00	$6,112.00	$1,785.00	$0.00	$0.00	$7,897.00	21%	$36,207.00
Publications Sales	$500.00	$471.05	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$471.05	94%	$814.46
Pub. Advertising	$900.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$1,110.00
Bank Interest	$3,400.00	$293.68	$254.23	$0.00	$0.00	$547.91	16%	$3,328.65
Conferences	$8,000.00	$19,704.61	$12,429.00	$0.00	$0.00	$32,133.61	402%	$52,912.67
Mailing List Sales	$100.00	$0.00	$40.00	$0.00	$0.00	$40.00	40%	$150.00
Contributions	$6,000.00	$277.00	$160.00	$0.00	$0.00	$437.00	7%	$5,029.00
Miscellaneous	$100.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$53.70
Total Revenue—Support	$56,000.00	$26,858.34	$14,668.23	$0.00	$0.00	$41,526.57	74%	$99,605.48
EXPENSES								
General	$1,300.00	$20.00	$804.12	$0.00	$0.00	$824.12	63%	$1,680.50
Administrator	$28,690.00	$6,690.37	$7,157.00	$0.00	$0.00	$13,847.37	48%	$30,409.94
Treasurer	$600.00	($22.79)	$746.07	$0.00	$0.00	$723.28	121%	$3,668.08
State Caucuses	$688.00	$111.77	$68.96	$0.00	$0.00	$180.73	26%	$89.02
Committees	$3,110.00	$103.01	$647.84	$0.00	$0.00	$750.85	24%	$1,912.24
Publications	$16,300.00	$0.00	$139.45	$0.00	$0.00	$139.45	1%	$16,097.46
MARAC Archivist	$400.00	$0.00	$400.00	$0.00	$0.00	$400.00	100%	$0.00
Awards	$800.00	$300.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00	38%	$700.00
Conference Expenses	$0.00	$18,082.38	$3,564.15	$0.00	$0.00	$21,646.53	0%	$28,712.27
MARAC Scholarship	$4,112.00	$645.00	$845.00	$0.00	$0.00	$1,490.00	0%	$0.00
Miscellaneous	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	0%	$0.00
Total Expenses	$56,000.00	$25,929.74	$14,372.59	$0.00	$0.00	$40,302.33	72%	$83,269.51
NET INCOME or (LOSS)	$0.00	$928.60	$295.64	$0.00	$0.00	$1,224.24		

SUMMARY - FIRST QUARTER FY 2002	
Opening Balance	$128,567.51
Income	$14,668.23
Expenses	($14,372.59)
Closing Balance	$128,863.15

FUND	OPENING	CREDITS	DEBITS	CLOSING
Operating	$41,611.06	$14,508.23	($13,527.59)	$42,591.70
Endowment	$30,956.45	$160.00	($845.00)	$30,271.45
Reserve	$56,000.00			$56,000.00
Totals	$128,567.51	$14,668.23	($14,372.59)	$128,863.15

Cash Accounts	
Checking Accts.:	$40,918.87
Savings Accts.:	$87,944.28
Cert. of Deposit:	$0.00
Total	$128,863.15

Disaster at Niagara Falls

Love Canal : Neighborhood Crisis, Worldwide Legacy

This paper was given by Kathleen M. DeLaney as part of the "Chemical Spills, Atomic Ills, and Twisters: Documenting Manmade and Natural Disasters" session at the MARAC Fall meeting in Richmond, VA, October, 2001

In August 1978, the world watched while a small working class neighborhood in Niagara Falls, New York dealt with an untenable toxic waste crisis. The Love Canal neighborhood was reeling from an emergency declaration by then New York State Health Commissioner, Dr. Robert Whalen. His expert opinion led him to advise pregnant women as well as children two and younger to immediately evacuate their homes. Within a few days, President Jimmy Carter issued a national emergency declaration of the former site of a 16-acre landfill where the 99th Street School sat directly on top of 21,800 tons of chemicals. More than twenty years later, Love Canal remains synonymous with the environmental movement, and continues to provide impetus for dramatic changes in attitude toward environmental concerns, issues or public health, and law worldwide.

Whenever the question of what happened at Love Canal arises, no one has the same answer. Alan Mazur's recent book, *A Hazardous Inquiry : The Rashomon Effect of Love Canal* (Harvard University Press : 1998), explores the idea that for every person or organization involved in the crisis, each has an interpretation of the facts that carry validity, although the facts cannot be agreed upon.

Health Effects of Love Canal

Health issues remain a point of contention and mystery where Love Canal is concerned. Currently, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is conducting follow-up studies of the 1978 blood sera sample taken of the neighborhood residents. Every six months, the NYSDOH's Expert Health Advisory Committee travels to Niagara Falls to meet with former residents, report on their scientific progress, and elicit further public comment from the former canal residents.

Reproductive anomalies seem the most frequently observed effects of canal residency. However, it remains uncertain whether these are environmental or genetic dispositions or as one resident puts it, "bad luck." The follow-up studies are attempting to trace progress of the health effects of the children born of Love Canal, most of whom range in age from late 20s–30s. At a 1999 Advisory meeting held in Niagara Falls, three residents reported the death of a spouse from heart disease. By May 2001, serious health problems included rare cancers, emphysema, asthma, kidney disease, enlarged thyroids, as well as multiple miscarriages and stillbirths. Many of the newly discovered ailments were reported as affecting offspring of Love Canal children.

What Happened After the Declaration

At the time of the emergency declarations, no governmental agency could or would take responsibility for the Canal homeowners' predicament. Although Commissioner Whalen recommended the removal of pregnant women and children under two, there was no plan to provide funding for the evacuation.

Governmental agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did not yet exist in the form we know it today. The Superfund, which provides for the clean-up or remediation of toxic waste, was legislated as a direct result of the Love Canal crisis. Among the most contentious dilemmas faced by residents was the debate over who would buy their homes, who would pay for their relocation, and where they would go.

It took more than two years to iron out details, but by 1981 the Love Canal Area Revitalization Agency (LCARA) was formed. LCARA, a type of federal/state development agency, was charged with purchasing and rehabilitating homes and the neighborhood of the Love Canal Emergency Declaration Area (EDA).

The homes in what was called the "first ring" that bordered the Canal were demolished in 1979. They are literally buried under the 16-acre containment area of the former canal. A chain-link fence still surrounds the property that continues to be monitored by a subsidiary of Occidental Chemical Corp. Sidewalks, remnants of driveways, footprints of demolished homes and gardens stand as reminders of the neighborhood that was.

LCARA ceased operation in August 2000, and transferred its records to the City of Niagara Falls. One of LCARA's last actions was the transfer of property of another neighborhood school, the 93rd Street School. Long closed, it stood about a quarter mile from the containment site, and was finally razed in Spring 2000. The City of Niagara Falls Little League purchased the property for recreational purposes. Much of the remaining "unsold" property at Love

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Canal is considered brown field. Mixed-use commercial development is being considered by the City of Niagara Falls, NY which has suffered continual economic depression since the late 1970s.

Some would say the closure of LCARA is a symbolic sign that the nightmare of Love Canal has ended. Others would say it is a failed dream of abandoned plans that leaves the people of Niagara Falls to pick up the pieces.

Today at Love Canal

In May 1997, the University at Buffalo received a donation of approximately 150 linear feet of records from the Ecumenical Task Force (ETF) of the Niagara Frontier. These comprise the bulk of the University's Love Canal Collection (1979–1991) containing reports, depositions, news clippings, organizational papers, court decisions, correspondence, videos, and other materials. The collection contains some rather eclectic documents, as well as gray or fugitive literature, one of the hallmarks of grass roots organization collections. It also contains extensive documentation related to toxic waste controversies associated with the Love Canal and other toxic waste sites not only in Niagara County, New York, but throughout the United States, Canada, the former Soviet Union and India. Selected documents can be viewed at http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/lovecanal. After the death of Patricia Brown, former Love Canal resident and Executive Director of the ETF, the Archives accepted a gift of her personal records related to the disaster.

The passion of former Love Canal residents continues to direct their lives and involvement in environmental causes. Lois Gibbs, who led the Love Canal Homeowners Association, continues to assist activists from the Center for Environmental Health and Justice in Falls Church, VA. The Love Canal Medical Fund, administered by Luella Kenney, a cancer researcher whose child died of a rare liver disorder directly linked to chemicals found at Love Canal, speaks for and assists individuals whose lives have been impacted by health disorders linked to Love Canal.

Love Canal 2000 consists of a bipartisan group of former and current residents of Black Creek Village, politicians, urban planners, and a retired journalist whose beat for more than two decades included Love Canal. Over the past two years, in part using grant funding, the group conducted a feasibility study to establish an environmental educational center in the Love Canal neighborhood. Their goal includes creation of a first-class model for environmental and ecology-related curriculum, exhibit space, theatre and a resource center to highlight the positive aspects of Love Canal. They coordinate with the University at Buffalo Archives for documentation and research to support the effort; and to further direct students and researchers to the primary documentation related to Love Canal. Currently the project is on-hold for funding and appropriate zoning considerations.

Individuals such as former Vice President Al Gore, Congressman John La Falce (D-NY), President Jimmy Carter, and US District Court Judge John Curtin, who presided over the numerous Love Canal-related suits and final decisions, have made it their professional and personal business avocation to follow the Love Canal crisis to conclusion. All of these men speak with passion of how this crisis affected their lives and they continue to act for environmental justice.

The Niagara County Environmental Fund

One of the more positive legacies of Love Canal is the Niagara County Environmental Fund (NCEF) established as part of the Love Canal settlement between New York State and Occidental Chemical Corp. It provides grants to "encourage, inspire and facilitate activities by volunteers, organizations and educational institutions to enhance and restore, maintain, care for and provide access to Niagara County's environment and ecology, as well as educate people of all ages about the county's environment." Indeed, in 2001 alone, more than 40 environmental or ecology-related projects were carried out in Niagara County (NY) with the assistance of this $2.5 million fund. One of those projects involved the joint efforts of the University at Buffalo Archives and the Niagara Falls Public Library.

For several years, the library and archives community of western New York State recognized a need to assist with the location and identification of resources for Love Canal research. The New York State curriculum contains a component requiring students from 4th through 12th grades to respond to "document-based questions" for proficiency in social studies, science and the language arts, among others.

These developments led members of Love Canal 2000 and the Executive Director of the Niagara Falls Public Library to submit a proposal to the NCEF to locate and identify original documents related to Love Canal, and develop a systematic inventory and survey of Love Canal-related documents. Plans for a second year of funding included compilation of a searchable database to be linked to the library's online catalog.

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Historic Chester County African-American Records Inventory Completed

The Chester County Historical Society is pleased to announce the completion of a grant funded project to inventory, arrange, and describe the historic Chester County African-American records in its library collection. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) funded project makes the records, which are in many different parts of the library collection, more easily available for public research use. Records in the collection date from the late 18th century to the 20th century and include letters, diaries, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, church records, and court records. Many of the records relate to slavery, county abolition activities, community and social activities, and education. The Chester County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit institution dedicated to preserving and making accessible the history of Chester County and southeast Pennsylvania. Located at 225 North High Street in West Chester, Pennsylvania, the library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For more information about these records and other library holdings please call 610-692-4066 extension 220 or visit www.chestercohistorical.org.

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After careful consideration, one component of the project was abandoned— the collection of records for inclusion in a library at the Love Canal Educational Center. When it became apparent that the Center was at risk for approval, and that having documents on site would increase building and operating costs, the group turned to the University at Buffalo Archives, already a center for Love Canal scholarship. Making the partnership much more attractive was the realization that the University had professional archivists, staff and secure conservation and preservation departments to accommodate documents. With the aid of UB's Archives assured, a grant was awarded.

A project archivist began the difficult work of searching for Love Canal documents. These included, but were not limited to, organizational and government reports, public information records, correspondence (public and private), photographs, including video and film, meeting minutes, real estate transfers, court cases, and unpublished personal papers or collections held in private custody.

The New York State Library and Archives assisted with identification of state departmental files. The New York State Department of Health and Department of Environmental Conservation also provided leads. Many private collections governed by 25-30 year restricted access policies promised to send notification when those restrictions were lifted. Unfortunately, given the nature of many state and local government records, retention schedules determined the destruction of documents long ago without opportunity of archival or historic designation.

Other original Love Canal records are increasingly in danger of being destroyed or lost. Much of the search for documents occurs away from standard archives, historical societies, and government record offices. So-called "gray" and fugitive literature is a large part of Love Canal history. The search for these records leads to both unlikely storage places: church basements, former residents' attics, law offices and neighborhood coalitions, trunks of cars, and because of the subject matter, landfill offices. Ultimately, making these historic documents accessible means a balanced interpretation of the Love Canal disaster.

Conclusion

Long after the specific events of the Love Canal have been forgotten, there remains an underlying awareness that what happened there shifted the winds of environmental responsibility. The fragmented nature and spotty location of the documents associated with the events of Love Canal make research difficult. However, resources already documented and resources recently identified by the Niagara Falls Public Library and the University at Buffalo Archives all seek to provide understanding of Love Canal as a watershed environmental event.

Kathleen M. DeLaney
State University of New York at Buffalo

Welcome New Members!

Bertha Adams — *Philadelphia Museum of Art*

Stephanie Ashley — *Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution*

Marcia Bassett — *Municipal Archives*

Jennie Benford — *Carnegie Mellon University Archives*

Matt Brown — *Maryland State Archives*

Kristin Clark — *Chemical Heritage Foundation*

Cynthia Cochrane — *IMF*

Joseph Hugh Da Rold — *Plainfield Public Library*

Sally W. Donatello — *University of Delaware*

Merrilynn Drews — *National Association of Convenience Stores*

Jennifer Durkin — *Jordan, Coyne & Savits Law Firm Library*

Paula Fleming — *National Anthropology Archives, Smithsonian Institution*

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Sarah Stauderman — *Smithsonian Institution Archives*

Charlotte Tancin — *Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation*

Vyrtis Thomas — *National Anthropology Archives, Smithsonian Institution*

Jennifer Ulrich — *Columbia University Archives, Columbiana Library*

Allison Weiss — *Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum*

Karen B. Weiss — *Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution*

Larry Wentzel — *Penn State University*

Rachel Wolgemuth — *Hershey Community Archives*

Wade Wyckoff — *Naval Historical Center*

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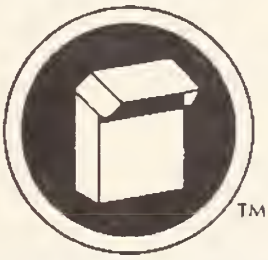

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Second Place: Sheridan Harvey, Janice E. Ruth, Barbara Orbach Natanson, Evelyn Sinclair, and Sara Day, "American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States," Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; Third Place: Library of Virginia, "Burned Records Counties Database," Library of Virginia.

Arline Custer Memorial Award

Danna Bell-Russel reviewed the text of a proposed bylaws change that will be voted on at the Business Meeting.

Publications

Publication of the newsletter is up-to-date. Susan Aprill is now the advertising editor. Archives Week and Archives and Americans for Disabilities Act Technical Leaflets should be ready for distribution at the Poughkeepsie meeting. The new Publications Committee Chair, Jim Quigel, was introduced.

NEW BUSINESS

A change in the by-laws was proposed to change the Ad-Hoc Development Committee from a special committee to a permanent standing committee. This change will be voted on by the membership at the Business Meeting.

A change in the by-laws was proposed regarding selection of the Chair of the Arline Custer Award Committee. This change will be voted on by the membership at the Business Meeting.

A motion was made for the MARAC Chair and New York Caucus Representative to construct a letter of protest over proposed changes to the New York State Cultural Education department. The motion was approved.

OTHER

Recognition was made of the upcoming marriage of John LeGloahec and Marisa Bourgoin.

A motion was made to recognize Marsha Trimble's years of service as follows: "In recognition of her many years of service to MARAC, as Administrator, Vice Chair and Chair, Meetings Coordinating Committee, the Steering Committee hereby proposes and affirms the renaming of the meetings scholarship award to the Marsha Trimble Meetings Scholarship Award." The motion was approved. The proposal will be presented to membership at the Business Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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The Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission Collection at the National Academy of Sciences

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With the US entry into World War I in April 1917, the Academy was in a position to offer its services to a government in need. The previous year, the NAS had established a new operating arm, the National Research Council, to serve as a major body for scientific and technological mobilization during and after the war. It was through the Research Council's Division of Medical Sciences that the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC) was administered.

About ABCC

In November 1946, President Harry S. Truman issued a directive authorizing the NAS-NRC to undertake a long-term study of the health of survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Just prior to Truman's directive, a five man commission, operating under the auspices of the National Research Council's Division of Medical Sciences and calling itself the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission (ABCC), had been sent to Japan to conduct a preliminary survey of the situation. Following this preliminary survey, ABCC was officially established in March 1947.

The survey findings of the original five man NAS-NRC commission, communicated in December 1946, made up the ABCC's first report. By 1950, the ABCC had a number of departments in operation, and had established a series of studies that would include research on radiation cataracts, leukemia and other

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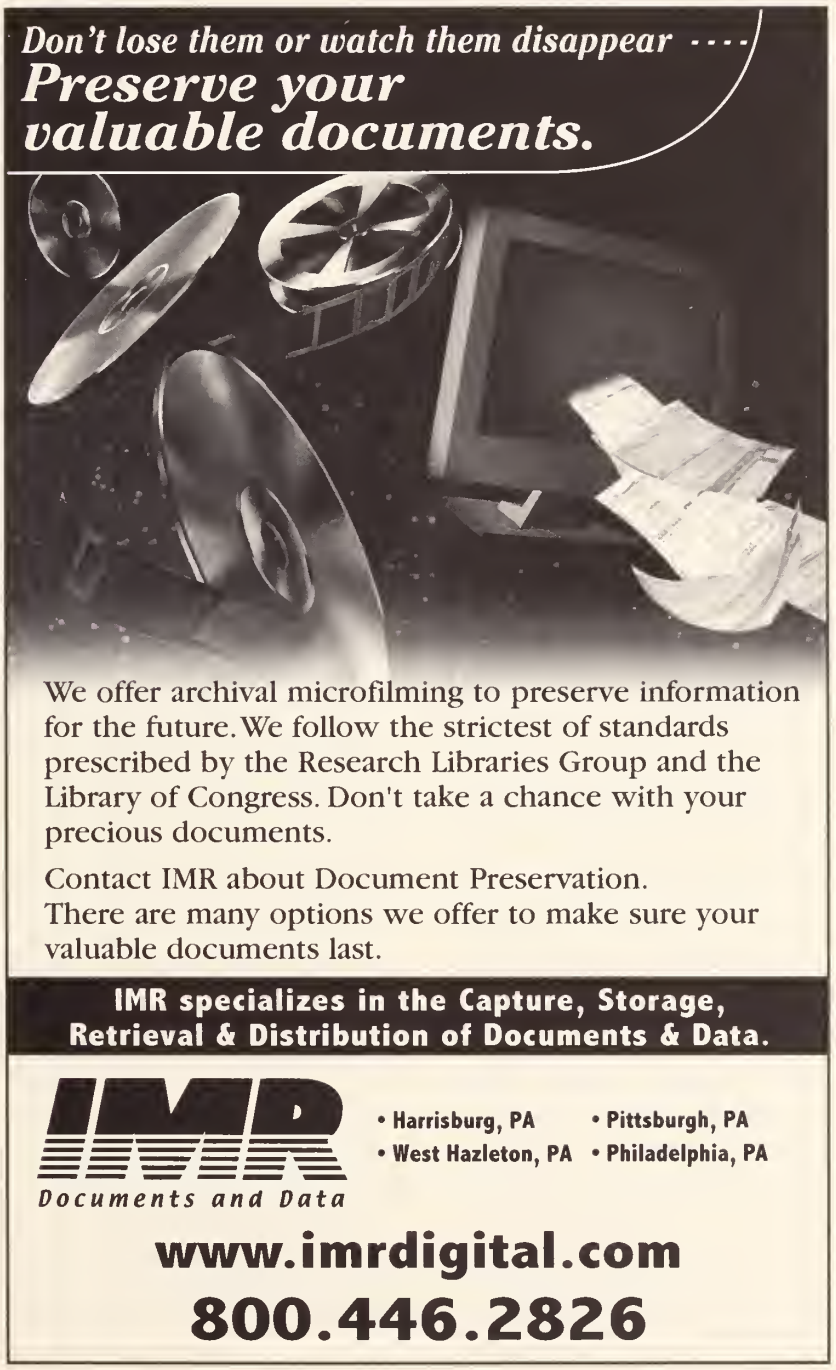
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Meet Your Caucus Representatives!

In honor of the recent elections, we present in this issue a short introduction to each State Caucus Representative, old and new. Get to know your Caucus Reps; they are good sources of MARAC news and information, and they are always happy to receive your own institutional news for the State and Local News column.

Kristine Kaske, new Rep from DC, is a photo and reference archivist at the National Air and Space Museum. She earned a BA in Anthropology from George Mason University and an MLS from the University of Maryland. As an undergraduate, she worked in the George Mason University Special Collections and Archives. She says that she knows filling Jim Cassedy's big Caucus Rep shoes is going to be hard, but she looks forward to many tours, programs, and Archives Fairs with the DC Caucus.

Richard McKinstry, new Caucus Rep from Delaware, is Andrew W. Mellon Senior Librarian at the Winterthur Museum; he is also the library's liaison for automation projects. Before coming to Winterthur in 1977, Richard was reference librarian at The New Jersey Historical Society. He has a BA and MA in history as well as an MLS.

Mary Mannix, beginning her third term as Maryland Caucus Rep, is the Maryland Room Manager of the C. Burr Artz Central Library, Frederick County Public Libraries. She has previously worked in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Maryland Historical Society, the Baltimore City Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, the Lilienfeld Library of The Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, and the Howard County Historical Society. She received her BA from Hood College in history and political science, her MLS from the University of Maryland, and her MA in American History, with a Museum Studies Certificate, from the University of Delaware, where she was a classmate of West Virginia Rep Debra Basham.

Alan B. DeLozier, new Rep from the Editor's own adopted home state of New Jersey, is University Archivist, Librarian, and Assistant Professor at Seton Hall University. Previously, he has been College Archivist/Consultant at St. Peter's College, an Archival Technician at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Historical Research Center, and Archivist at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. He has a BA from St. Bonaventure University, an MA in History from Villanova University, and an MLS from Rutgers University.

Geof Huth, multi-term New York Rep, is currently the Manager of the New York State Archives' Records Service Development unit, where he oversees retention scheduling and the development of records management workshops, publications and web-based resources for state and local government. From 1993 until 1999, he served as the State Archives' Regional Advisory Officer for Region 4. Before that, he served as a records manager for the Albany BOCES and as field archivist for the Capital District Labor History Project. Despite living in nine countries on four continents and in five states in the U.S., Geof now calls New York home. On his birthday next year, Geof will have moved an average of once for every year of his life.

Rachel Onuf is the new Rep from Pennsylvania. She is currently Head of Manuscripts at The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, after completing almost two years as Assistant Director of a Mellon-funded comprehensive survey of the manuscript and graphic collections at HSP. She has worked at the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, the William L. Clements Library and Bentley Library at the University of Michigan, as a consultant for the New Jersey State Archives, and as Research Associate at the David Library of the American Revolution at Washington Crossing, PA. She has a BA from Swarthmore, an MILS from the University of Michigan, and an MA in American History from The University of Virginia.

Laura E. Drake, Virginia Caucus Rep since 2000, is a State Records Archivist at the Library of Virginia. Prior to this position she was the Archivist at The Juilliard School, and an Associate Librarian at the University of Maryland, College Park in the Department of Computer Science. While in graduate school, she worked in Special Collections in Music (now Performing Arts) at the University of Maryland, College Park Music Library. A native Virginian, Laura holds a BA in Music from the University of California, Santa Barbara and an MLS from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Debra Basham, Rep for West Virginia again (she was also Caucus Rep from 1990-96), has been Archivist at the West Virginia State Archives since 1984. Prior to that, she earned a BA in History from Millsaps College, and an MA in History from the University of Delaware, with a certificate in Museum Studies. Her internships

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included the Mississippi State Archives, the Hershey Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania and the Historical Society of Delaware.

State and Local News

Delaware

In April, the Delaware Public Archives staff put their disaster recovery skills to the test. Battery units for a solar power system exploded, resulting in a devastating fire at the administration building of the Delaware Division of Facilities Management, the agency that coordinates all state government building projects. Archives staff set up a base of operations in a nearby building and initiated their salvage efforts. Although the building was a total loss, they managed to recover approximately 1000 cubic feet of files and blueprints over a three-day period. Part of the records were dried

DPA EMPLOYEE GAIL RALPH RECOVERS AS-BUILT DRAWINGS FROM THE BURNT-OUT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING THAT WAS LOST TO FIRE IN LATE APRIL.

on site by DPA employees but the majority of the burnt and wet records were boxed and sent to be freeze-dried and restored off-site by a commercial restoration company. All staff who participated should be commended on such a quick and coordinated effort in preserving the state's valuable records!

In happier news, the Delaware Public Archives hosted a well-attended meeting of the Delaware Caucus in Dover. Members from the University of Delaware, the Hagley Museum and Library, and the Winterthur Museum made the trip. Joanne Mattern gave a tour of the facility with the assistance of Bruce Haase, Randy Goss, and Heather Jones.

A must-see change to the Delaware Public Archives website is the Naturalization Records Database. Visit www.archives.state.de.us, look under "Collections" and then go to "Naturalization Records Database." Visitors can browse through the sampling of records by a person's last name or by their place of origin. Other information contained in the database includes the first and last names of the person naturalized, date of the record, county where filed, the record group and series number as well as the source. A brief description of naturalization records can also be found on the website.

The Research Facility at the Delaware Public Archives has new hours. We are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. We are also open until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The DPA is closed on Sundays and on state holidays. The Archives phone number is (302) 744-5000.

The "Extra Mile Award" was presented to the DPA Scanning Team. Team members worked diligently to create one of the newest additions to the DPA web site: the Digital Archives Project. This project offers a sampling of documents and photographs taken from various and sometimes rarely used collections at the Archives. Through their dedicated efforts, these images are now accessible to a worldwide audience just by the click of a mouse.

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D.C.

Over 20 members of the DC Caucus had a lovely afternoon at the Hillwood Museum and Gardens (www.hillwoodmuseum.org) on May 10th. Stephanie Brown, the Hillwood Archivist, gave us a tour of the Archives and we were invited to tour the gardens and house. It was a beautiful way to spend a spring afternoon.

On June 5th at 4pm Gail Redmann, the director of the research library and collections at the Historical Society of Washington, DC, gave a talk and slide presentation reviewing plans for The City Museum of Washington, DC. This new museum is scheduled to open to the public in the renovated Central Public Library at the District's Mount Vernon Square in the spring of 2003.

In NARA news, the 1930 Federal Census was opened to the public on April 1, 2002 at the National Archives Building on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC. New security procedures have been implemented at the National Archives in College Park in the wake of the terrorist attacks in New York City and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. For more information see http://www.nara.gov/research/all/new_security_procedures.html.

The Annual Archives Fair will be held on October 10, 2002 at the Ripley Center of the Smithsonian Institution. For more information contact Kristine Kaske at kristine.kaske@nasm.si.edu.

The DC Caucus has a listserv to

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keep members up-to-date. DC caucus members are encouraged to join at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/marac-dc/.

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Maryland

The Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture at Salisbury University was awarded a $50,000 2002 Maryland Historical Trust non-capital Historic Preservation Grant, the maximum award in this category. The funds will be used in support of the Nabb Research Center's ongoing digital history initiative, American Origins. The Nabb Research Center recently participated in the Institute of Museum and Library Services' Conservation Assessment Program. Following a two-day site visit by consultant Nancy Davis, the Nabb Research Center received a comprehensive report with suggestions for attaining long-term conservation goals. Ongoing at the Center is the exhibit *Pathways, Boundaries and Markers.* This exhibit celebrates the history of mapmaking and surveying in the ever-changing Chesapeake region. The exhibit will be up through September 1, 2002. Among the featured items are a set of eighteenth century surveyor's tools and a hand-drawn plat map of Salisbury's Tony Tank subdivision by local surveyor and historian, Richard Cooper. For further information, see our website at http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu or call us at (410) 543-6312.

The Lincoln Park History Project has received a 2002 Preservation Award from Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. "for encouraging family and neighborhood historical research, documentation through education programs, and its web site." Roger K. Lewis, professor of architecture at the University of Maryland and author of the "Shaping the City" column in the Washington Post, presented the 2002 Preservation Awards to nine recipients at the City of Rockville's Mayor & Council Meeting on May 13.

Lincoln Park, one of Rockville's oldest neighborhoods, was settled by African-Americans beginning in 1891, and is one of the most distinctive communities in Montgomery County. For the past two years, residents of Lincoln Park have joined with several local organizations to locate photographs, news clippings, school yearbooks, church programs, and other materials—and to gather at community meetings to share memories of growing up in Lincoln Park and the segregated world around it. The results of this ongoing collaboration are available on the Lincoln Park History Project web site (www.montgomerylibrary.org/lpark/lpproject.asp).

For Maryland Day (the University of Maryland's annual spring open house), Anne Turkos, University Archivist at the Hornbake Library, spearheaded "Take a Terrapin Home," an activity where visitors of all ages colored a turtle's "shell" (a small paper plate attached to a turtle-shaped piece of felt). The preserved Terrapin that was used as the model for the bronze statue in front of McKeldin Library, "The Real Testudo," was also on display in the lobby. The success of this activity was totally unforeseen; by 2:30 all 200 felt turtles were gone. Origami, sponsored by the Gordon M. Prange Collection, drew crowds of people, who folded brightly-colored pieces of paper into cranes, hats, and a whole range of other shapes.

With these and other activities as a "hook," visitors to the Library were encouraged to explore the Special Collections. In the Maryland Room, the various units of Special Collections displayed some of their treasures. Marylandia and Rare Books, for example, exhibited various publications of *Little Women*, dating from the 1850's to the 1980's, and The National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection piqued the interest of several visitors with its display on kit houses. Assistant Curator for Historical Manuscripts Jennie Levine and graduate assistant Sarah Heim shocked visitors with graphic photographs of a collection "in the wild" before being saved by archivists. Beth Alvarez, Curator of Literary Manuscripts, was on hand to give tours of the Katherine Anne Porter Room and was pleased that some of the room's fifty visitors had specifically sought out the tour.

In April, Mount St. Mary's Archives and Department of Special Collections mounted an exhibit entitled *Baseball at the Mount, and the Babe at Echo Field.* The exhibit will run until the middle of June. Using photographs, schedules, programs, articles, and histories, the exhibit traces the long and illustrious history of baseball at the Mount. The Mount has seen its share of great players and coaches, some of whom went on to play in the major leagues. Early Mount baseball teams were genuine and well-respected powerhouses, and began a great tradition at the school. Its enthusiastic and dedicated coaches and players helped baseball blossom at the Mount and grow into the successful program that it is today.

One of the highlights of baseball history at the Mount was a visit to the school paid by arguably the greatest

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baseball player of all time, George Herman "Babe" Ruth. Accompanied by Brother Mathias from St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore, the Babe met the faculty and addressed the students on the evening of Friday, May 6, 1921. The following morning, he returned as promised to swat ball after ball into the stratosphere and obligingly pose for photographs as Mount students scrambled for their cameras. According to legend, and cited in Robert W. Creamer's biography *Babe: The Legend Comes to Life*, this was not the first time that the Babe swung the bat at the Mount. Babe Ruth's high school team, St. Mary's, played Mount St. Mary's freshman team in the early teens.

On Monday, April 22, Mount St. Mary's alumnus and Civil War historian Peter Romeika presented a lecture entitled "A Grand Tour of Vicksburg." The event was cosponsored by Mount St. Mary's Archives, History Department, and History Club.

Mount St. Mary's Archives also hosted a lecture and book signing by author Thomas Tisdale on April 15. Tisdale spoke about his most recent work, a biography of his ancestor, Natalie Delage Sumter, an early and fervent supporter of the Mount who sent her three sons to the school for their education. The biography, *A Lady of the High Hills*, tells the fascinating story of a woman struggling to find a place for herself and her religion in a new land. The lecture was sponsored by Mount St. Mary's Archives and the Department of History.

The Maryland Room of the C. Burr Artz Central Library, Frederick County Public Libraries recently received the Linton Obituary Collection, one of Frederick County's most significant genealogical resources. The collection consists of nearly 300 card catalog drawers of clippings, arranged by surname. Jacob Holdcraft, author of *Names in Stone*, Frederick's main cemetery index, began the collection. The obituaries extend back to the mid-1930s. The collection arrived in the Maryland Room in early May and has greatly increased the Room's patron base.

Janine Bruce began a new position on May 15, 2002 as Project Archivist at the Center for Regional and Baltimore Studies at the University of Baltimore. Janine was previously an archivist at the Sulpician Archives (now Associated Archives). The Center is a cooperative venture between the College of Liberal Arts and Special Collections at University of Baltimore.

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New Jersey

The Monmouth County Archives facility is undergoing renovations, including expansion of its reading room, and will be closed to visitors through July and August. Construction should be complete in time for Archives and History Day on October 12, for which a full day of events has been planned, including tabletop exhibits by archival repositories, a featured address by "Benjamin Franklin," a workshop on book repair, and a symposium on current oral history programs. Archives Week workshops on archival management and photographic conservation have been scheduled for October 10.

The New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) has announced its History & Preservation Section 2002-2003 meeting & program schedule. This year, scheduled meetings of the Board will be combined with tours to provide value for section members and attract new members. The section is also developing guidelines for the creation of a new award. Details will be announced upon approval of the NJLA Executive Board. Tours of the Plainfield Public Library's new Archives Room will be given on December 13, 2002: 9:30 a.m. coffee; 10:00 a.m. tour. Collections include municipal police blotters from 1837 to 1953, Winslow Homer etchings, Paul Collier photographs, and the Detwiller Collection of Architectural Drawings. Tours of the Centennial Thomas Nast exhibit at the Morristown Public Library and the Morristown Museum will be given on Tuesday, May 20, 2003. There will also be a tour of archival resources at the Madison Public Library and Drew University, including the United Methodist Archives Center and the Society of Biblical Literature. The Section will also be discussing ways to participate with MARAC's spring 2003 conference in Trenton. To be added to the e-mail mailing list, contact Section President Joe Da Rold, Plainfield Public Library Director at jdarold@lmxac.org.

The New Jersey State Library and the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) co-sponsored two preservation workshops this spring. The first, "A is for Archives," featured Steve Dalton from NEDCC, who covered the basics of preservation in documents and archival collections including what comprises these collections, what makes them deteriorate, and how to evaluate and deal with their deterioration. This workshop was also co-sponsored by the Union County (NJ) Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. The

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second workshop, "Bugs and Mold," featured Dr. Thomas Parker of Pest Control Services, Inc. Prevention and control of such pests as cockroaches, silverfish, bookworms, cigarette beetles, carpet beetles, webbing clothes moths, rats and mice were covered, as well as molds and fungi. Little corpses encased in plastic and bug-damaged papers added graphic realism to the presentation.

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New York

Governor Pataki's proposed budget for the 2002-2003 fiscal year includes a provision to remove the State Archives (and its sister institutions) from the State Education Department, transform them into a public benefit corporation, and fund this new corporation through a Cultural Education fund supported by a quadrupling of the existing fee collected for the Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF).

Despite a groundswell of opposition, the state of New York recently removed $19 million in state funding for the State Archives, Library, and Museum. In the near future, there will be no direct state funding of these institutions. Instead, they will depend entirely upon dedicated funds, including this new Cultural Education Fund.

The LGRMIF continues to have a sunset in place, which means legislation specifies the date at which the collection of this fee will end. The LGRMIF funds direct services and millions of dollars in grants annually to local governments. The new Cultural Education Fund, which will fund state operations, is a permanent fund and has no sunset.

The New York State Archives celebrated the 225th anniversary of New York's first State Constitution with an exhibition of the original constitution in Kingston on April 20 and 21, the publication of a special feature in the spring issue of *New York Archives* magazine about the document's history, and the creation of web pages about the constitution. The original manuscript of the 1777 constitution, which has national significance because it influenced the writing of the U.S. Constitution, was displayed at the Senate House Historical Site in Kingston.

For more information on the significance of the state's constitution, see Edward Countryman's essay, "New York's First Constitution, Sketching a Map for Becoming American," on the Archives' website at http://www.archives.nysed.gov/new/releases/constitution.html. Various links allow the viewer to see the original manuscript, an entire transcript of the constitution, maps from the time period, and other related materials.

Governor George Pataki has appointed Oswego County Clerk George Williams to the board of the New York State Archives Partnership Trust. The Archives Partnership Trust is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established by the New York State legislature in 1992 to support the programs of the State Archives, which extend to every local government and historical organization in the state. The goals of the Archives Partnership Trust are to increase citizen awareness of New York State's archival heritage, raise private funds to preserve these unique collections, and to make these historical documents more accessible to the public.

The Huntington Town Clerk's Archives is happy to announce a workshop on using local government records in the classroom. In 1998, when the New York State Education Department mandated that primary sources be used in schools, the Archives began exploring possibilities of using historic manuscripts to enhance school curricula. The Archives created two packets for teachers and students using documents from the repository's collections, an Indian Deed dated 1653 and The Declaration of Rights of the Town of Huntington dated 1774. The purpose of these packets is to challenge students to read historic records and think critically, acquire a sense of local history and understand the importance of local government and record keeping.

Due to the high demand for more document based questions packets, the Archives has now developed a workshop that will train educators in methods of researching primary material in order to create Document Based Questions (DBQ's). To access the workshop registration form or further information regarding any Archives activities, contact Antonia S. Mattheou, Town Archivist, at amattheou@town.huntington.ny.us or go to the Town's web site: http://town.huntington.ny.us/ and click either on Online Library or Town Clerk's Archives under Departments.

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Pennsylvania

The Governor's Budget for FY02-03 includes funding to enable the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC), which is responsible for administering the Commonwealth's Executive Branch records management program, to implement a web-based records management system covering the scheduling and disposition of state agency records and operation of the State Records Center. For further information contact Linda Avetta at (717) 705-6923.

The first phase of the State Archives and State Museum renovation project will begin in the summer of 2002 with the replacement of roofs on both buildings and the partial renovation of the ground floor of the State Museum to create a new museum main entrance. For the second phase, approximately 70,000 cubic feet of historical records will be removed from the 20-story archives tower sometime after July 2003 in order to begin renovation of all the tower storage areas which will include additions of vestibules on each of the 20 stories, a sprinkler system, a new vapor barrier and the possible use of mobile shelving units to increase storage capacity. Complete renovations of the Archives' ground level search room, office and administrative work areas and the creation of an exhibit area will follow sometime in 2004, with completion anticipated by early 2006. For more information contact Frank Suran at (717) 783-9872.

On March 6, 2002, the Association of Information and Image Management (AIIM) awarded Jan Kinzer, an archivist for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the AIIM Standards Excellence Award during the annual AIIM Conference and Exposition in San Francisco. AIIM is the official Standards Development Organization for Enterprise Content Management standards authorized by the American National Standards Institute. This award is given in recognition of volunteers who have made outstanding and valuable contributions to the AIIM Standards Program. The Program develops and promotes high quality standards, recommended practices, technical reports and industry specifications for those involved in the micrographic, electronic, and imaging fields. Ms. Kinzer is the Chair for the C18 Public Records, Libraries and Archives Committee.

In 2003, the Pennsylvania State Archives will be celebrating its 100th birthday. Archives staff members have started planning a number of special events and are in the midst of preparing a special commemorative volume highlighting the holdings of the State Archives. Each year, the PHMC celebrates Heritage Week in March as the Commonwealth's birthday and displays the original Penn Charter. In 2003, there will be a special symposium during Heritage Week dedicated to the importance of our documentary heritage and the role of archival and manuscript repositories. Along with the symposium, there will also be a ceremony to unveil a historical marker for the State Archives. Special sessions in recognition of the centennial will be offered at meetings of various organizations such as the Pennsylvania Historical Association, the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations, and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. Plans are also underway to offer a genealogy workshop in cooperation with the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. For more information contact Diane Smith Wallace at (717) 772-0541.

"The most perfectly planned community in America!" That's what they said about Levittown, Pa., the largest planned community constructed by a single builder in the United States. Levittown boasted 5,500 acres and 17,311 homes. The State Museum of Pennsylvania's 50th Anniversary exhibit describes this modern marvel. "Levittown, Pa.: Building the Suburban Dream," opened May 4 and runs through January 5, 2003, Among the highlights are an original pink kitchen and panels telling the story of Daisy Myers and her family, the first African-American residents. For more information, visit www.statemuseumpa.org or phone (717) 787-4978.

The archives of The Barnes Foundation recently received funding from two sources. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has approved continued funding for 2002-2003 for the Foundation's Collections Assessment Project (CAP), a major assessment project that encompasses collection objects on display and in storage, archives, rare books, and library holdings. The archives portion of the grant for the coming year includes funding for the archivist's salary and for much-needed archival supplies and equipment. The Mellon Foundation also provided funding for the archivist's salary in 2001.

The Barnes Foundation also recently received a Conservation Project Support Grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant will allow The Barnes Foundation to purchase new storage materials and supplies, as well as hire skilled assistance, to re-house the Foundation's collection of photographic prints, film negatives, lantern slides, and glass plate negatives.

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The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh recently acquired a renovated off-campus facility to house many of its expanding departments. The University purchased the Thomas Building, formerly Emerson Electric, and hired the local architectural firm of Celli-Flynn and Associates to redesign the interior to accommodate six library units. After a two-year renovation effort, the Archives Service Center, Preservation Department, Digital Research Library, Technical Services, Gifts and Exchange, and Information Systems were relocated to the new facility. Sixty-eight full-time staff now occupy the first 3 floors of the building in a space that covers approximately 73,430 square feet. The University also constructed a 16,600 square foot High Bay Storage Area at the rear of the building, which will accommodate 1.2 million volumes. Other University offices will eventually occupy the fourth and fifth floors.

The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies merged with The Historical Society of Pennsylvania in January. In April 2001, the Executive Committees of the Boards of Directors of the two institutions agreed to explore the issues, options, and steps essential to forming a strategic alliance that would result in increased services to the historical community and expanded public access to the combined collections, as well as opportunities for new public programs and community outreach. Negotiations continued through the fall of 2001, when the boards of both organizations approved a formal merger and began synchronizing operations. The library and archival collections of both institutions are in the process of being physically united in the Society's renovated facilities at 13th and Locust Streets in Philadelphia. The combined venture is expected to be fully operational by Fall 2002.

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Virginia

Thanks are due to the hosts of the 2002 Virginia Caucus Meeting, the History Museum and Historical Society of Western Virginia. Approximately fifteen people attended the meeting which featured Darlene Richardson, formerly of the Virginia Museum of Transportation, speaking on internship programs. Following the meeting, Caucus members were treated to a tour of the Museum and Historical Society given by D. Kent Chrisman, Executive Director, as well as time to explore the exhibits on their own.

The Virginia Historical Society has published two new guides. *Sydney and*

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2002 MARAC Election Results

The MARAC 2002 election produced an outstanding field of candidates. The Nominations and Elections Committee wishes to thank all the candidates who volunteered to run. A total of 330 ballots were received.

The following candidates were elected:

Treasurer:
John LeGloahec

Secretary:
Joan Klein

State Caucus Representatives:
Rich McKinstry, Delaware
Kristine Kaske, District of Columbia
Mary Mannix, Maryland
Alan Delozier, New Jersey
Geoff Huth, New York
Rachel Onuf, Pennsylvania
Laura Drake, Virginia
Debra Basham, West Virginia

Nominations & Elections Committee:
Donna Wells (Chair)
Eileen Sklar
Howard Lowell

Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee:
Sara Stone
Cheryl Stadel-Bevans

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wosh, Chair
Ron Becker
Gail Redmann
James Stimpert
Judy Thorne

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Frances Lewis: A Guide to the Papers, describes the papers of Richmond entrepreneurs Sydney and Frances Lewis, founders of Best Products Co., Inc. Perhaps best known for their interest in modern and contemporary art, the Lewises were also active participants in a variety of local and national social and cultural organizations. *A Guide to the Records of Best Products Co., Inc.* describes the records of Best Products Co., Inc., a company that left an indelible mark on the financial and cultural landscape of Virginia. Both guides were compiled by Laura E. Gilmour and funded by the Best Products Foundation, Inc.

A revised *Guide to the African-American Manuscripts in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society* (1995, rev. 2002) has replaced the edition on the Virginia Historical Society website, www.vahistorical.org. Paper copies will be available in the Museum Store.

Virginia Tech has recently accessioned the *Ferry Hill Ledger (1797-1804)* which includes entries for Mary Ingles, and 3 volumes from the 6 volume *Ingles Family Bible* set (printed 1823). One of the volumes is signed by Thomas Ingles. This accession is significant as there is virtually no documentation in public hands from the frontier Ingles Family. Mary Draper Ingles is known for her long journey home after being kidnapped to Ohio by the Shawnee Indians. Her descendent, Roberta Ingles Steele, made the donation.

On October 7th and 8th, Virginia Tech will be hosting the SAA Workshop "Archival Cataloging as a Component of Description." The early registration deadline is September 7th, so hurry and register—it will fill up quickly. For more information, consult the SAA web site at: www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id=340, or contact Jennifer Gunter at (540) 231-9215.

Plans are underway for Archives Week, October 6-12, 2002, with activities around the state. Watch the MARAC-VA listserv for details! Not subscribed to the MARAC-VA list? To sign up visit http://listlva.lib.va.us/archives/marac-va.html

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West Virginia

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in West Virginia welcomes Tracey Rasmer as their new Archivist. Tracey was formerly employed at the Dayton VA Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio. She began working for the Diocese in October 2001.

The Diocese is currently in the early stages of renovating an historic building in downtown Wheeling that will be the future home of the West Virginia Catholic Heritage Center. The Heritage Center will be home to the Diocesan Archive collections, and through exhibits, will reflect West Virginia's rich Catholic heritage. The goal is to educate the public, promote research, and integrate the Heritage Center's resources into the parochial schools' curriculum. The Heritage Center will also be made available to other denominations for exhibits and to share their contribution to West Virginia's history. The Diocese plans to lease unused office spaces to local businesses, which will in turn contribute to the economic revitalization of downtown Wheeling by creating jobs and promoting tourism. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is proud to be working in partnership with the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Wheeling, the Visitation Sisters of Mount de Chantal, Wheeling Hospital, and Wheeling Jesuit University to make this dream a reality.

The West Virginia State Archives recently placed over 1000 images from among its photograph holdings on its website. The initial collections on virtual display include many coal-related images and a collection of documentation photographs of the construction of the West Virginia State Capitol, designed by noted architect Cass Gilbert and completed in 1932. These are the initial offerings from the more than 100,000 images in the photograph collections, and will be expanded in the future. In addition, work is underway to make a database available of many of the images copied during trips to over half the state's fifty-five counties in the last eighteen years. The Archives homepage is available at www.wvculture.org/history. The photographs can be accessed through the West Virginia Memory Project link on the homepage, which also includes the nearly 20,000 images and documents relating to John Brown that were completed in 2000 through an IMLS grant.

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cancers, survivors' aging and mortality rates, sex ratios of survivors' offspring, and genetics.

Logistical and organizational problems in the early days of ABCC were such that by 1955 it appeared that the program would have to be terminated. Toward the end of 1955, a committee under the direction of geneticist Thomas Francis, a member of the NAS, was sent to Japan to assess the ABCC and its programs; on the committee's recommendation, a new and more effective study program was implemented. By 1957, George B. Darling of Yale University was made director, and it was under his long leadership —which continued until 1972— that the ABCC was able to reorient and stabilize its operations. It was under Darling's leadership that the ABCC instituted bilingual technical protocols and increased the participation of the Japanese National Institute of Health in ABCC studies.

By the early 1970s, increased operating costs began to place constraints on the Commission. In response to requests that the Japanese Government increase its support of the ABCC, a new, binational private foundation, the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF), was created, and in 1975 it replaced the ABCC. RERF, in which Japan and America are equal participants, is still in existence today, and its scientific program has been described as the "longest, most comprehensive epidemiological and genetic study ever undertaken."

About ABCC Papers

The Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission was unusual among NAS-NRC activities. Unlike most of our modern-era activities, ABCC was involved with bench science performed by doctors in the field. The program's longevity was unusual as well. While most NAS-NRC studies last only a couple of years, ABCC lasted for nearly thirty—and for over fifty years when counting RERF's activities. Finally, the bi-national character of ABCC makes it virtually unique among NAS-NRC undertakings.

Not surprisingly, these unusual features of ABCC are apparent in the collection at the National Research Council. The longevity of ABCC is reflected in the sheer volume of the collection: approximately 57 feet. This is in comparison to the volume of the average NAS-NRC collection of approximately 4 to 8 feet.

Although the collection does not contain primary scientific data, the bench science aspect of ABCC is a salient feature of the collection's content. The overall scientific direction and indeed the very future of the commission as a scientific undertaking is often apparent in documents. This happened most notably in 1955, when the Francis Committee went to Japan to assess ABCC and its programs. On the Francis Committee's recommendation, a new and more effective study program was implemented—a fortunate thing as it turned out, since one alternative under consideration was termination of the program. In subsequent years, other visiting consultants went to the ABCC offices in Japan, and their reports ended up in the collection. The collection also contains the records of the NRC committees overseeing ABCC, in which high-level discussion of ABCC's programs and direction often took place. Taken together, the records show ample evidence of a scientific undertaking that was not only unusually self-conscious, but self-critical as well. The bi-national aspect of ABCC is also well-documented in the collection.

Demand for ABCC Papers

The ABCC collection is one of the Academy's most heavily used collections. Not surprisingly, there has been much interest in the records among Japanese researchers, many of whom have come from abroad to use them. This interest increased in the early 1990s, with the 50th anniversary of the bombings in 1995. Just before the anniversary, researchers included Japanese print and television journalists; one result of their research was a multi-part series in the Hiroshima newspaper *Chugoku Shimbun*, appearing in May 1995. Interest in the collection has not been restricted to Japanese researchers; two book-length studies of ABCC, written by American and Australian researchers, were published in 1994 and 1995.

Heavy demand, both actual and anticipated, was a crucial factor in the Academy's decision to make the ABCC collection a priority for preservation and organization. Sheer accessibility was not a major concern, since the papers as they had arrived at the Academy were reasonably well-organized. However, although the collection was usable (and in fact had been used quite extensively) no real preservation work had been done. This lack of attention was most dramatically apparent in the collection's large number of thermofaxes from the 1950s and 1960s, many of which were faded and disintegrating. Once preservation work was begun it progressed steadily, and was completed in August 1995, exactly fifty years after the events that brought the collection into being.

Another priority for the collection was making it easier for researchers to get a preliminary sense of what the collection contains. This was a

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matter of particular importance, since many of the collection's potential users are in Japan. We decided to put a web-friendly version of the finding aid on the NAS Archives' website, in order to let Japanese and other researchers get an idea of what is in the collection, before they commit to making the long and costly trip to use it. The web-based finding aid got a boost in profile—and became more useful to researchers in Japan and elsewhere—when the RERF website in Japan linked to it.

Points of Interest for Researchers

It was perhaps inevitable that the organization charged with investigating the effects of a weapon as controversial as the atomic bomb would itself become the focus of controversy, and it is the controversies surrounding ABCC that largely explain the great interest the collection holds for researchers.

There are a number of areas in which ABCC was controversial. The most encompassing was the way in which ABCC was able to function within the broad context of American-Japanese relations, particularly in the immediate postwar period. The relationship was a sensitive one, with much potential for mutual misunderstanding. When ABCC began operations, Japan was a defeated country occupied by foreign armies. The cultures of the Japanese and the occupying Americans were highly dissimilar. As a result, ABCC's first years were difficult ones, as is well documented in the collection. From the beginning, an effort was made to include Japanese participation in the ABCC's studies, however, and by 1948 a joint Japanese-American research program was set up, with Japanese participation afforded under the auspices of the Japanese National Institute of Health.

In later years, the relationship of ABCC to its host country changed, but not always for the better. Inflation in the 1960s and 1970s brought friction between ABCC's administrators and its unionized Japanese workers, while political unrest on Japanese university campuses and elsewhere put the future of ABCC into question once again. Interestingly, it was during this period of uncertainty that a good portion of the ABCC collection made its way to the NAS Archives. Not knowing what kind of future the commission faced, ABCC's administrators packed up boxes of records and shipped them to the NAS-NRC for retention. As it turned out, with or without its records, ABCC survived to continue its work until its supersession by RERF a few years later.

A more specific (and no less sensitive) relationship was that between ABCC and its study population. Even setting aside the unique circumstances that made the Atomic

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Online History Exhibits at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Archives

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS, pronounced "Triple-A-S"), the oldest general scientific society in the world, announces the availability of two online history exhibits at http://archives.aaas.org.

150 Years of Advancing Science: A History of AAAS highlights photos, journals and other historical documents from the organization's 1998 sesquicentennial celebration. Also featured is a special exhibit of the memoranda of AAAS Treasurer from 1969-1999, William T. Golden. Golden advised President Truman on the organization of scientific research and development throughout the government. Accompanying text highlights the significance of his work, and includes a searchable database references over 200 documents.

In addition, the AAAS History and Archives web site offers a searchable database of people, meetings, documents, publications, awards, and descriptions of collections pertaining to the history of the Association.

Founded in 1848 to represent all disciplines of science, AAAS has 4 regional divisions, 24 disciplinary sections, 272 affiliated scientific societies and 134,000 individual members.

AAAS has grown enormously in scope and public influence in the years since World War II. The AAAS Archives documents the Association's activities on environmental issues, arms control, the growth of federal support of research and development, science and ethics, human rights, and science education. The Archives also contains records documenting the business, reporting, and editorial practices of the Association's journal *Science*, as well as general business records such as AAAS Board, Council, and committee minutes, programs and proceedings for the AAAS Annual Meetings 1848 – present, and published symposia.

AAAS welcomes researchers and other interested individuals to visit its archives and use its collections. Contact the AAAS Research Archivist, Amy Crumpton (202-326-6791 or acrumpto@aaas.org), for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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bomb survivors eligible for ABCC's attention, there were cultural barriers potentially inhibiting the success of some of ABCC's studies. One barrier in particular was associated with the ABCC program charged with autopsying A-bomb survivors who had subsequently died, since there was strong resistance to having loved ones autopsied among the Japanese. Under George Darling's directorship, however, participation in the program increased, at least in part because of the institution of regular memorial services for deceased A-bomb survivors. In fact, the intensive and ongoing cross-cultural outreach efforts made by Darling—a recurring theme running throughout the collection—served to establish better feelings toward the commission on the part of the Japanese. In this context it is worth noting that the ABCC managed to obtain a 70-80 percent participation rate for its major adult health study program.

As an aside, we have found it interesting that Japanese researchers have been less concerned with what might be called the culture clash aspect of ABCC than have American researchers.

Probably the most controversial aspect of ABCC's work—certainly from the Japanese perspective—was the commission's policy of not providing medical treatment to A-bomb survivors. From the beginning, ABCC's mission was to study survivors, not to provide medical care. Consequently, there were bitter feelings among some survivors who felt instead that their status as atomic-bomb survivors entitled them to medical treatment. The mandate of ABCC, however, as laid down by the Allied occupation authorities, was to undertake research rather than to administer treatment. Under this policy, patients in need of treatment were to be referred to Japanese physicians. The rule was often honored more in the breach than in the observance, though, since ABCC maintained a small clinical unit that treated A-bomb survivors with leukemia and other blood-related disorders. Nevertheless, a feeling persisted among some Japanese that ABCC considered the survivors as little more than guinea pigs. This aspect of ABCC has attracted much attention from Japanese researchers.

Lessons Learned

What general lessons have we learned from our experiences with the ABCC collection? First, that a disaster-related collection like the ABCC collection will be in demand, particularly if the disaster is controversial, historically significant, and especially traumatic. For us, this meant that the collection was a priority in terms of organization, intellectual control, and accessibility. The second and most fascinating lesson we have learned is that a collection documenting a highly charged or traumatic event may be used as much to reinforce as to challenge a researcher's preexisting point of view. This is potentially true of any collection, of course, but it has seemed particularly true of the ABCC collection.

The ABCC collection has been somewhat akin to a Rorschach blot for its users. Whether they were geneticists, former ABCC administrators, academic historians, linguists, students, activists, or journalists, all have found in the collection what they could, or would. Seeing the uses to which the ABCC collection has been put has been as informative to us as the collection has been to our researchers.

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Business Meeting Minutes—Spring 2002

April 20, 2002, Towson, MD

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. The minutes for the Fall Meeting were approved as printed in *Mid-Atlantic Archivist.*

The Chair provided an update on the Ad-Hoc Committee on Administrative Services Report, and the Guiliani testimony on April 5, 2002. A potential letter protesting the New York State Office of Cultural Education elimination was discussed. A report was given on the meeting on February 20 with University of Maryland CIS Alumni to discuss a Continuing Education opportunity.

The Vice Chair reported on that a great program had been put together for the Towson meeting by Danna Bell-Russel, Susan McElrath and their committee and the Local Arrangements Committee, co-chaired by Mary Mannix and Margaret Burri. Mary Rephlo, Tom Connors and the Education Committee provided great workshops. Details about upcoming meetings were discussed: Spring 2003 in Trenton, NJ at the new Lafayette Yard Marriott Conference Hotel, April 24-26, 2003; Fall 2003 in Gettysburg, PA, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2003; Spring 2004 in Silver Spring, MD; Fall 2004 in Pittsburgh, PA. Mary Mannix has agreed to take the lead and work with coordinating the conference vendors and exhibitors for the next two years. Rebecca Johnson Melvin will be the conference Program Editor through the Poughkeepsie meeting and be "on-call" for Trenton.

Treasurer Becky Collier reported on Second Quarter income and expense. John LeGloahec was welcomed as the new incoming Treasurer.

Finding aids awards were announced. The single collection guide awards were: First Place, William Stingone, "Guide to the Carnegie Corporation of New York Records," Rare Book & Manuscript Library, Columbia University; Second Place, Brett M. Reigh and Patrick Henry Shea, "Guide to the Coxe Family Mining Papers," The Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Third Place, Kristine Marconi McGee, "Guide to the Franklin Book Programs Archives," Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Seely Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University.

The multiple collection guide awards were: First Place, Karen Huffman, "Guide to the Washingtonian's Oral History Research Center's Collection," Washington, D.C. Community Archives, D.C. Public Library; Second Place, Sheridan Harvey, Janice E. Ruth, Barbara Orbach Natanson, Evelyn Sinclair, and Sara Day, "American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States," Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.; Third Place, Library of Virginia, "Burned Records Counties Database," Library of Virginia.

Scholarship awards were announced. For the Leonard Rapport Modern Archives Institute Scholarship, June 2002: Leslie Hunt, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; For meeting scholarships to attend the Towson meeting in Spring 2002: Jennifer Evans, NEH-funded project archivist at University of Maryland, and Katy Rawdon-Faucett, archivist at The Barnes Foundation; For a workshop scholarship at the Spring 2002 meeting in Towson: Nancy Derevjanik, grant-funded project archivist at Johns Hopkins University.

An update on the Fall 2002 joint MARAC/NEA meeting (Poughkeepsie, NY) was presented. Geof Huth gave a hilarious slide presentation about the Poughkeepsie meeting.

Under new business, the Steering Committee requested MARAC membership to approve a change in by-laws to convert the Ad-hoc Development Committee to a Standing Committee. The motion was approved by voice vote. A change in by-laws was also proposed regarding selection of the Chair of the Arline Custer Memorial Award Committee. The Suggested revised language reads: "The Junior Co-Chair of the Custer Committee shall be the elected member receiving the most votes. The Junior Co-Chair shall become the Senior Co-Chair following the next year's election." The motion was approved by voice vote.

Recognition was made by membership of the upcoming marriage of John LeGloahec and Marisa Bourgoin.

Recognition was made of Marsha Trimble's years of service with the following proclamation: "In recognition of her many years of service to MARAC, as Administrator, Vice Chair and Chair, Meetings Coordinating Committee, the Steering Committee hereby proposes and affirms the renaming of the meetings scholarship award to the Marsha Trimble Meetings Scholarship Award."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Towson Meeting a Great Success!

During the weekend of April 18-20, Towson, Maryland hosted the Spring 2002 MARAC conference. Nearly 300 archivists met new colleagues, caught up with old friends, and participated in many insightful sessions, workshops, and tours. On Thursday, the Education Committee hosted three workshops, all of which were filled to capacity. Also on Thursday, attendees were able to take tours of Towson, the historic Hampton Mansion and the Babe Ruth House, as well as Oriole Park and Camden Yards. After the tours and workshops, participants danced the night away listening to tunes of the 1950s, 60s, and 70s.

Friday's programming began with a welcome from the Maryland State Archivist, Edward Papenfuse, and an excellent plenary focusing on a documentary about the Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital. This hospital, known as a model for alternative treatment for the mentally ill, offered a modern, homelike setting and was the first to use occupational therapy as a treatment option. Chairman of the Board and noted historian, W. Byron Forbush, provided a history of the institution, project director Elizabeth Wiggins discussed the work that was involved in bringing the project to the screen, and Historic Towson president, Carol Allen, provided context and further information about the Sheppard-Pratt community.

After a number of enlightening sessions on issues such as electronic reference, exhibit planning, and issues of permanence, those attending the luncheon heard a wonderful presentation from William Noel, curator of manuscripts at the Walters Art Gallery. Dr. Noel discussed the Archimedes Palimpsest, the oldest surviving work of the noted mathematician. He showed slides documenting how the work had been disbound and reused as a religious

The Friday night reception was held at the Maryland Historical Society in downtown Baltimore

book and how staff at the Walters is working to preserve and provide access to this important document. Afternoon sessions included presentations on promoting preservation, issues facing small repositories, sources for sports history, and ways to use oral histories to encourage preservation of archival resources. Though traffic jams made traveling to downtown Baltimore difficult, members ended their day on a high note with a tour and reception at the Maryland Historical Society, and later with party games back at the hotel.

Saturday was filled with honors and

Richmond may have had an ice sculpture, but Towson had the MARAC watermelon — a focal point of both the Hospitality Suite and the Continental Breakfast

The Friday night reception was highlighted by MARAC's celebrity bartenders. Seen here is celebrity bartender and outgoing NJ Caucus Rep. Gary Saretsky

celebrations. During the Business Meeting the winners of the finding aids award were announced, as were the names of newly elected officers. Also honored were Marisa Bourgoin and John LeGloahec, who having met at MARAC five years earlier, were soon to be married. Finally, special honors were given to Marsha Trimble who has served as MARAC Administrator and Vice Chair. As she entered into retirement from her position at the University of Virginia, the current Vice Chair Margaret Jerrido honored Marsha, and then informed the membership that the MARAC meeting scholarship had been renamed in her honor.

After the Business Meeting, the excitement continued as participants moved on to sessions about what comes after EAD, conservation of flags and banners, and knowledge management. Saturday tours included visits to the Goucher College Special Collections and the historic Mount Vernon neighborhood in Baltimore. Participants left full of new ideas, information, and wonderful memories. MARAC Towson will be a meeting to be remembered.

Photos courtesy of Beth Alvarez, 2002

The University Of Virginia Claude Moore Health Sciences Library Opens The Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection Website

The opening of The Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection Website (http://yellowfever.lib.virginia.edu) marks the completion of a two-year project at the University of Virginia Claude Moore Health Sciences Library funded in part by a $250,041 National Leadership Grant by the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The project identified, digitized, transcribed, preserved, created enhanced searching options, and now provides worldwide access via the Web to 5,500 original documents, photographs, and artifacts in the Health Sciences Library's archive on Walter Reed and yellow fever. The library project team, led by Joan Echtenkamp Klein, worked closely with David Seaman, Director of the Electronic Text Center at the University of Virginia Library. "Significant collaboration among all team members was instrumental in the project's success," according to Linda Watson, Health Sciences Library Director.

Like the contemporary AIDS epidemic, yellow fever was a deadly scourge that had a devastating effect on lives and economies throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In 1900, Walter Reed, M.D., and his fellow members of the United States Army Yellow Fever Commission made the discovery that a mosquito was responsible for the transmission of yellow fever. "The prayer that has been mine for twenty or more years that I might be permitted in some way or sometime to do something to alleviate human suffering has been answered," wrote Walter Reed, an 1869 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, to his wife Emilie on December 31, 1900. The Yellow Fever Commission's experiments in Cuba were a great breakthrough in medicine for which Walter Reed was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and elevated to the status of American medical hero.

Philip S. Hench, M.D., awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of cortisone, was fascinated by the story of Walter Reed and the Yellow Fever Commission and made it his life's work to collect everything available relevant to this public health story. He met and befriended all the people associated with the story or their relatives, most of whom gave him original family documents and photographs. The extensive archive that Hench compiled was given to the University of Virginia after his untimely death – he did not live to write his definitive book on Walter Reed and yellow fever — and is the cornerstone collection in the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library's archive.

Writing about the new Website, Paul Lombardo, Ph.D., J.D., Director of the Program in Law and Medicine in the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, observed, "This is truly an incredible piece of work... it is spectacular, and a model for making documents available to scholars on the Web." Luke Demaitre, Ph.D., Visiting Professor of Medical Education in the Humanities in Medicine Program of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and former Professor of History at Pace University, stated: "Congratulations with the IMLS Walter Reed Site: magnificent! I have just begun to explore it, and my only reactions so far are awe and excitement." Melvin Shaffer, a member of the University of Virginia's Eighth Evacuation Hospital in World War II and a visitor to the newly opened Web site wrote: "What a pleasant surprise to have the materials from the Reed web site. I immediately called it up and have hardly taken my eyes off. Such a beautiful presentation. Especially nice is the typed "translation" of each letter."

The New York New Jersey Chapter of the Medical Library Association awarded the new Website their highest rating for sites reviewed in their newsletter. Patricia E. Gallagher, the reviewer and a medical librarian at the New York Academy of Medicine Library, wrote, "The University of Virginia has mounted this magnificent web site about their Yellow Fever Collection. More than just a list of their own resources, this beautiful web site details as well the people and events that contributed to the discovery of the cause of Yellow Fever."

For more information, contact Joan Echtenkamp Klein at (434) 924-0052 or jre@virginia.edu.

Join Us for a Joint MARAC/NEA Meeting! Poughkeepsie, Fall 2002

The Friday evening reception will be held at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library in Hyde Park

For the first time, MARAC will be meeting in New York's Mid-Hudson Valley. The Fall 2002 MARAC meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel in Poughkeepsie, New York from October 24 to 26, 2002. This is a joint meeting with the New England Archivists, an opportunity to share our expertise and widen our collegial contacts. In Poughkeepsie, MARAC will also be celebrating the 30th anniversary of its first conference in 1972. That first meeting attracted over one hundred and fifty archivists and manuscript curators who paid a modest registration fee of $6.00.[1]

A city more than 300 years old, Poughkeepsie briefly served as the capital of the State of New York. In 1788, the eyes of the fledgling United States were on Poughkeepsie as New Yorkers debated whether or not to ratify the United States Constitution. The debates took place in the Dutchess County Courthouse and centered on the lack of protection of personal freedoms. New York ratified the Constitution on July 26, 1788 by a narrow vote of 30-27.

The Hudson Valley is home to the Roosevelts, Rockefellers, Vanderbilts, the Hudson River School of painters, Vassar College, the United States Military Academy at West Point, and much more. Several tours are planned of sites in and around Poughkeepsie. Tours of Vassar College, including the libraries and special collections, and of the Samuel F. B. Morse Historic Site are in the works. You are also invited to tour one of the oldest streets in America, historic Huguenot Street in nearby New Paltz. Most of its original stone houses are still standing. A tour of one of the Hudson Valley wineries also will be available to conference attendees. Just north of Poughkeepsie is the world-renowned Culinary Institute of America. Reservations to dine at one of the CIA's restaurants are up to you, so call early at (845) 471-6608.

Debates about the ratification of the United States Constitution took place in 1788 at the Dutchess County Courthouse

Our luncheon speaker will be Edward Tenner, an independent writer and consultant previously at the Institute for Advanced Study, and more recently with the Geosciences and English Departments at Princeton University. His essays, writings, and reviews have appeared in the *New York*

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[1] Lauren Brown and Anne Turkos, "Short history of MARAC," November 1987, http://www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC/history.htm.

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Times, Wall Street Journal, Newsday, The Guardian and Telegraph, Invention and Technology, and other scholarly journals. Mr. Tenner explores the unpredictable side of technology from the *Paradoxical Proliferation of Paper* to *Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences.*

The Program Committee has prepared a conference titled "A New Deal for Archives: Technology and Its Consequences" with a variety of sessions that will appeal to all conference attendees. The sessions cut across a wide range of archival concerns including: selecting collections for digitization, strategies for job searching, moving an archives, strategic planning, environmental monitoring, security, administering grants, and manuscripts in public libraries to name a few. A special session on Friday evening features "Archivists in the Movies," a lighthearted look at the portrayal of archivists in the media. Full and half-day workshops offered on Thursday include: Disaster Planning, Development and Grant Writing, Arrangement and Description, and an SAA workshop on Copyright.

Attendees are invited to a reception Friday evening at the Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, a few miles north of Poughkeepsie. On June 30, 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt dedicated his Presidential Library, the first such library established in the United States. In his remarks, he said, "It seems to me that the dedication of a library is in itself an act of faith. To bring together the records of the past and to house them in buildings where they will be preserved for the use of men and women in the future, a nation must believe in three things: It must believe in the past; It must believe in the future; It must, above all, believe in the capacity of its own people so to learn from the past that they can gain in judgment in creating their own future."

Mark your calendars for October and travel to Poughkeepsie to gather with your colleagues, listen to informative sessions, and view the peak season of fall foliage in the New York's Mid-Hudson Valley.

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Preservation News

Upcoming Events

August 19–25, 2002

Society of American Archivists (SAA) Annual Meeting, Birmingham, Alabama. For more information call 312-922-0140 or visit http://www.archivists.org/conference/index.asp. Workshop topics include: holdings maintenance, archival perspectives in digital preservation, and preservation management of machine-based audiovisual collections. Session topics include: findings of the InterPARES (Preserving Authentic Electronic Records) project, cultural resources management, intrinsic value of archival records, microfilming local records, court records preservation, sound recording preservation, and digital preservation.

October 2002–September 2003

The Rutgers University Preservation Management Institute has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to offer ten full scholarships to the program. For more information call Karen Novick, director of professional development at Rutgers SCILS, 732-932-7169 or visit http://scils.rutgers.edu/programs/pds/pmi.jsp.

Publications

Building a National Strategy for Digital Preservation: Issues in Digital Media Archiving, Publication #106 (April 2002), is available from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) at a cost of $20. Contact CLIR at 1755 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036. The full text is also available online at http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub106/contents.html. The report provides the background papers used in meetings aimed at developing a national strategy for the preservation of digital information, led by the Library of Congress.

Conservation OnLine (CoOL), a project of the Preservation Department of Stanford University Libraries, is a full-text library of information related conservation and preservation of library, archival and other cultural materials. It is located at http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/. CoOL has a new educational and training section called "Preservation/Conservation Presentations and Training Tools" available at http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/byform/presentations/

Print copies of the volume *Preservation Management of Digital Materials: A Handbook* by Neil Beagrie and Maggie Jones is now available from the Society of American Archivists (product code 177). The cost is $23 for members, $30 for non-members. Contact SAA at 527 S. Wells St, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60607, 312-922-0140. An online version of this manual may be found at http://www.dpconline.org/graphics/handbook/index.html.

The latest double-issue of *Comma* (2001.3-4), the official journal of the International Council of Archives (ICA), focuses on preservation. A substantial part of the publication addresses "Preservation of Archives in Tropical Climates" and the unique challenges faced by such repositories including high temperature and relative humidity, political unrest and war, indifference to preservation needs by governments, selling of valuable heritage material to fulfill basic needs, physical isolation, and differences in language and literacy skills. Subsections concentrate on preservation and conservation, books and writing materials, buildings, storage, disaster preparedness, and integrated pest management. An extensive bibliography is also included. "Moving Archival Records: Guidelines for Preservation" is addressed in the balance of the issue. Subsections highlight first steps to be taken, movers and move contracts, vehicles and transport devices, cleaning and decontaminating, preparation of paper records, non-paper records that require special handling, reshelving, and final steps. For a copy of the journal, or to submit an article for publication consideration, contact: Nancy Bartlett, Editor, *Comma*, Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan, 1150 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109; 734-936-1333; nbart@umich.edu.

Sample Forms for Archival and Records Management Programs, by ARMA International and the Society of American Archivists is now available. Nearly 200 sample forms and policies commonly used in records management and archival programs comprise this joint collaboration. Forms have been standardized and generalized so that they can be used as is, either individually or as a compilation for inclusion in your own institution's organizational manual. Camera-ready originals can be photocopied, distributed, and completed. A compact disc includes these same forms in rich text format, portable document format, and in Microsoft Word 97. Published by ARMA International and the Society of American Archivists, *Sample Forms for Archival and Records Management Programs* (2002, soft cover, 264 pp.) can be ordered from the Society of American Archivists (product code 176), at a cost of $28 for SAA and ARMA members, and $40 for non-members. Contact SAA at 527 S. Wells St, 5th Floor, Chicago, IL 60607, 312-922-0140.

MARAC Scholarship Winners

Winners of Spring 2002 Meeting and Workshop Scholarships

Three members were recipients of MARAC scholarships at the Towson meeting. Both Jennifer Evans and Katy Rawdon-Faucett received MARAC Meeting Scholarships, which award up to $400 to cover meeting-associated expenses.

Jennifer Evans completed her academic preparation in August 2001 and is a new professional in charge of the NEH-funded project to microfilm 35,000 items from the Papers of Djuna Barnes and Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven within the Literary Manuscripts section of Archives and Manuscripts at the University of Maryland.

Katy Rawdon-Faucett was appointed in 2001 as the first professional archivist at The Barnes Foundation in Merion, Pennsylvania. She has been working in the profession since 1997, with previous archival experience at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine, and Yale University. Katy recently became editor of the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist.*

Nancy Derevjanik received the first ever MARAC Workshop Scholarship. Nancy is new to archives, having previously worked for 13 years as a medical laboratory research coordinator. She is currently working part-time on a grant-funded digitization project for Special Collections at Johns Hopkins University. The project involves a collection of post-World War I photographs and negatives created by Baltimore architect Laurence Hall Fowler. The scholarship provided the tuition for Nancy to attend the workshop entitled "Strategies for Managing Archives and Records on Web Sites."

Winner of the June 2002 Modern Archives Institute Scholarship

Leslie Hunt, recently appointed to a permanent position as manuscripts archivist at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania (HSP), was selected for the Leonard Rapport Modern Archives Institute Scholarship for the June 2002 session. Before receiving her appointment, Leslie worked for eighteen months as part of the Mellon Survey Project team at HSP. The project involved a complete assessment and appraisal of all of HSP's manuscript and graphic collections, with a view toward prioritizing future conservation and processing activities. The scholarship funds the Institute tuition and up to $200 in expenses.

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Individual annual membership dues are $35. The dues year runs from October 1 through September 30. Membership is not open to institutions, but institutions may purchase subscriptions to *MAA* at $35 per year.

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Deadlines are February 15, June 1, August 15 and December 1.

Advertising rates and requirements may be obtained from Susan Aprill, Brooklyn Collection, Brooklyn Public Library, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn NY 11238;
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